

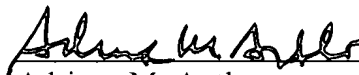
function of the gene encoding said SREBP pathway protein. Support for the amendment to claim 13 is found in the specification, *inter alia*, at page 30, line 25 to page 34, line 6. No new matter is added by these amendments.


CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request the entry of the foregoing amendments.

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